கிணறுகள் இல்லாவிட்டால் கிணறுகளை வெட்டிக்கொடுத்தோ அல்லது ஆர்டிஷன் கிணறுகளை அமைத்துக்கொடுத்தோ ஏன் பயிர் செய்யக்கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" On account of the continuous failure of the monsoon, much of the land could not be brought under cultivation. Further, much reclamation was required and in these lands only certain dry crops and particularly, in certain areas only, cashewnut crops could be grown. So far as the road development work is concerned, certain proposals for the assignment of a total extent of 288 acres of these lands are under consideration. Another proposal is to bring under cultivation waste lands. Three hundred acres are being taken up for cultivation under the National Extension Scheme. Organization of co-operative societies to bring waste lands under cultivation is also being taken up."

*Alienation of poramboke lands to the Basic Schools in South Arcot district for agricultural purposes.*

* 1250 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether G.O. No. 2930, Education, dated 20th September 1949, and the Proceedings of Director of Public Instruction Roc. No. 477 of 1948, dated 27th September 1949, in pursuance of the above Government Order regarding the alienation of lands to Basic Schools for agricultural purposes are still in force;

(b) how many applications from the Managers of Basic Schools in South Arcot district for alienation of poramboke lands for agricultural purposes of the schools were received by the Government; and

(c) the action taken on the applications?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The orders referred to are still in force. But they relate to the sanction of grants for the construction of buildings for Basic Schools.

" (b) Three, Sir.

" (c) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

*Construction of Ramanchira dam in Hosdrug, South Kanara district.*

* 1251 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the construction of the Ramanchira dam in Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district, stands;

(b) the area that can be benefited by the scheme;

(c) the amount sanctioned for the scheme; and

(d) whether there are any other similar schemes under investigation for the same sub-taluk?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 481 infra.